

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 08/11/06:

It is learnt that a street performer often played fire tricks in the Mongkok Pedestrian Zone, and whenever he performed, some policemen would come and jot down information about him or dissuade him from performing. The performer was even served a summons by the Police for having caused nuisance in public places earlier but the charge was subsequently dropped by the Department of Justice. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- whether street performance or entertainment activities are in breach of the laws of Hong Kong;
- of the number of complaints received by the Police about street performance, the general approach adopted by the Police in handling such complaints, and the number of street performers prosecuted over the past three years; and
- whether it will consider coordinating its enforcement efforts to allow street performers to perform on the streets as long as they do not cause obstruction, so as to enhance the city characteristics of Hong Kong?

Public Officers to reply: **Secretary for Home Affairs/Secretary for Security**